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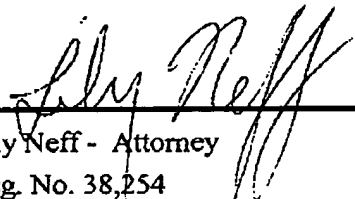
Remarks

Claims 1-12 were previously pending in this application. Claims 1 and 7 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 102 but these claims have now been canceled. Claims 2-4, 6 and 8-12 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner had stated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 2-4, 6 and 8-12 have been rewritten as amended to include all such limitation and are now in condition for allowance. Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph but is now amended. It was stated by the Examiner that claim 5 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection and if it included all the limitations of previously claims. Claim 5 is amended to overcome all such objections and is now in condition for allowance. In addition, the Examiner had also made several objections to the disclosure based on a series of informalities. The specification is now amended to correct such informalities as appropriate.

Claims 2-6 and 8-12 remain pending in this application. No new matter has been added to the claims or the disclosure. All pending claims and the disclosure are now in condition for allowance; allowance of which is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that in view of the forgoing amendments and remarks, this application is now in condition of allowance. Early notification to this effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,



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